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INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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SUBJ: OFFICE MACHINES - IBM TYPEWRITERS - P.O. 4401-404126

REF: STATE 104844 (NOTAL)

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SUBJECT IBM ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY AMEMBASSY BEIRUT AND PLACED IN BUREAU HELD STOCK. REQUEST BUREAU INSTRUCT EMBASSY BEIRUT FORWARD TO DAMASCUS 5 OF SUBJECT MACHINES INCLUDING THE SPECIAL SELECTRIC IBM II FOR AMBASSADOR'S SECRETARY ASAP.

2. EMBASSY ACTUALLY COULD USE 10 TYPEWRITERS TO PROVIDE ALL FULL TIME SECRETARIES, SOME OF WHOM ARE STILL USING DECREPIT MANUAL TYPEWRITERS, WITH ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS PLUS PROVIDING 1 MACHINE AS SPARE TO COVER BREAKDOWNS AND VIP VISITS. IF BUREAU CAN TRANSFER THE ADDITIONAL 5 MACHINES TO DAMASCUS NOW, WE WILL HAVE NO NEED TO INCLUDE THIS REQUIREMENT IN YEAR END REQUISITION NOW BEING PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION TO BUREAU AND BUREAU COULD PRESUMABLY PROCURE REPLACEMENT MACHINES FOR BEIRUT BUREAU HELD STOCK WITH YEAR END FUNDS IF AVAILABLE.

3. PLEASE ADVISE.

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